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Online Customer Service and Alternatives

AZDA offers access to certain public information online that you might otherwise request in person. Our goal is to provide citizens with a more convenient and efficient means in which to interact with Arizona government. If at any time you choose not to proceed with a transaction offered online, your choice will in no way affect your ability to receive benefits or services another way. If you prefer to request information from us in person, you may still do so at our office.

Collection and Use of Information

Information Collected and Stored Automatically by Cookies

We do not use "cookies" to gather information during your visit unless we are conducting a survey and need them to prevent duplicate results. The web server that hosts the AZDA site does gather certain information about the visit automatically in a standard log file. This information never identifies you personally and consists of only the following items:

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3. The date and time of your access.

We use this information to gather statistics about the amount of use the site receives. Again, we do not automatically record information about you as an individual. This information is not shared, sold, or otherwise disseminated by AZDA.

When, from time to time, we present a survey page on the site, use of cookies is limited to the minimum function necessary to prevent duplication

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Information You Provide

AZDA does not provide any benefits or services to the public that require entry of personal information online, apart from an occasional and totally optional survey. Survey-related information will be treated in the same manner as any contact information you might otherwise volunteer (see "Contact Information" below for details).

Information Collected from Children

Though AZDA does not specifically request information from children, as a State agency we would comply with the Children's Online Privacy Policy Protection Act of 1998 ("COPPA"), requiring parental consent before we collected any personal information from an individual under the age of 13. The text of COPPA is available at <http://www.ftc.gov/ogc/coppa1.htm>.

Security

AZDA and its consultants have taken several steps to safeguard the integrity of its computer systems and networks. These steps include, but are not limited to, individual authentication, the security of transmitted data, security monitoring, auditing, and encryption of information. Security methods and measures have been integrated into the design, implementation and day-to-day practices of the entire AZDA website.

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Contact Information

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